THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the 330 MW Srinagar Hydro Electric Power Project in Uttar Pradesh was signed jointly by Government of Uttar Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board with M*. Duncans North Hydro-power Company Ltd. on August 28, 1998. Only the date of commissioning of the project has been included in the PPA. The project has been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority on June 14, 2000. As per the techno-economic clearance, the Commercial Operation Dates (COD) of the generating units of the project are as under:

Unit	COD
1st Generating Unit	30.6.2005
2nd Generating Unit	31.7.2005
3rd Generating Unit	31.8.2005
4th Generating Unit	30.9.2005

The project has been transferred to the Government of Uttaranchal after formation of the new State on 9.11.2000. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited is in the process of transferring all the project related documents to the Government of Uttaranchal. The promoters of the project are yet to achieve financial closure and commence construction activities.

Purchasing of Energy Meters for Rural Electrification

1152. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank, Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) and other foreign financial institutions/Banks are likely to extend loan to the Indian Government for purchase of energy meters for rural electrification in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals in this regard;

(c) whether Government is considering to purchase electro

mechanical meters instead of electronic meters which are not tamper-proof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA); (a) and (b) In the latest Chief MinistersPower Ministers Conference held in March 2001, it was decided that rural electrification would be completed by the end of the 10th Plan *i.e.* by 2007 and that full coverage of all households may be targeted for the end of the 11th Plan *i.e.* by 2012. It was further resolved that efforts should be made for full metering of all consumers by December, 2001. Separately, in the MoUs which have been signed with the States, the Ministry of Power has been laying down an action-plan for metering of all supplies. The multilateral bilateral agencies have been providing assistance to various States for strengthening and augmentation of the transmission and distribution systems where inter-phase metering is an integral part.

(c) and (d) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has issued guidelines to the State governments for installation of tamper proof meters. Upgradation of technology in metering is a continuous excercise so as to improve accuracy and reliability.

Capacity additions during 8th, 9th and 10th Plans

1153. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for capacity additions during the 8th, 9th and 10th Five Year Plans;

(b) how far these targets were achieved during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans; and

(c) in view of slippages experienced during 8th and 9th Plan period, what action Government have taken to ensure achievement of target capacity during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The capacity